selection for the public service and invest them with the power of examining the periodical returns of appointments sent by heads of departments?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of recruitment to the public service is engaging the attention of Government.

B. A., L. T's and M. A., L. T's in English High Schools.

378. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of M. A., L. T.'s and B. A., L. T.'S who are (i) Headmasters of English High Schools, and (ii) First Grade teachers, and to state what their percentages are under each head?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to pages 105 to 113 of the Travancore *Civil List* corrected up to the 1st Kumbham, 1099. The percentages may be worked out by the member himself by a reference to these pages.

Appointment of Assistant Examiners.

379. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to mention what principles are followed in the Education Department in the matter of appointment of Assistant Examiners in the several subjects for the E. S. L. C. and the V. S. L. Examinations?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that most of the Assistant Examiners are teachers who reside in Trivandrum?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to see that certain definite rules are laid down in the appointment of Assistant Examiners so that all the teachers may be equally benefited?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 276 (*a*).

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Certain Public Works in the Tovala Taluk.

380. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received the estimates for opening a branch road from the Tovala road near Tazhakkudi to the Aramboly road and for putting up a foot-bridge near Auvayarammancoil over the Tovala channel?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend finishing the work at least next year?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The estimate for the road has been received by the Chief Engineer and is under scrutiny in his office. The estimate for the foot-bridge is pending with the Executive Engineer.

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*b*) When the budget for 1100 M. E. is framed the question of providing for these works will be considered.

Deputation of a Co-operative Inspector for the Benefit of Punja Cultivators.

381. MR. L. R. RAJARAJA VARMA KOILTAMPURAN (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to depute a special officer of the rank of a Co-operative Inspector to enquire into and advise *punja* cultivators in co-operative work?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No special officer can be appointed. The local Co-operative Inspector will attend to this work also.

Seating Arrangements in Primary Schools.

382. MR. L. R. RAJARAJA VARMA KOILTAMPURAN (*Edavakai*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that departmental primary schools are not adequately supplied with furniture, especially benches and desks?

(*b*) What are the kinds of furniture generally supplied to these institutions?

(*c*) Are all these institutions equally supplied with such furniture?

(*d*) Are all these institutions properly provided with funds for annual maintenance and repairs?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Primary schools are generally supplied with benches, chairs, tables, stools, blackboards and in some cases with almyrahs.

(*c*) Primary schools are supplied with furniture according to their relative importance and with regard to the funds available.

(*d*) Allotments for annual maintenance and repairs are sanctioned to the extent of the funds available.

Substitution of 'Advanced community' and 'Backward community' for 'High caste' and 'Low caste.'

383. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Aagastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection to avoid the terms 'high caste' and 'low caste' in official correspondence and substitute instead such expressions as 'advanced community' and 'backward community' according as the nature of the subject dealt with may demand the use thereof?

MR. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware that the expressions 'high caste' and 'low caste' are used in official correspondence.

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